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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Applicants : Constantine Tsikos and C. Harry Knowles
Application Serial No.: 10/068,803
Filing Date : February 6, 2002
Title : BIOPTICAL PRODUCT AND PRODUCE IDENTIFICATION
SYSTEMS EMPLOYING PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION
AND IMAGING (PLIIM) BASED SUBSYSTEMS
Examiner : Thien Le
Group Art Unit : 2876
Attorney Docket No. : 108-127USAND0

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 19, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed in the present Application on May 19, 2005,
Applicants submit the following amendments to the same:

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 263 and 265 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claims 264
and 266 as follows:

Claims 1-263 (canceled)

Claim 264 (currently amended): ~~The bioptical system of claim 263,~~ A bioptical system which
comprises:

a housing having a bottom portion and a side portion;
bottom and side light transmission apertures formed in said bottom and side portions,
respectively;
a first imaging window mounted over said first light transmission aperture, and a second
imaging window mounted over said second light transmission aperture;
a bottom planar laser illumination and imaging (PLIIM) based subsystem mounted within
said bottom portion of the housing, and producing and projecting a first planar coplanar laser